



WHITE OAK CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

BACKGROUND

The White Oak Creek WMA is located 18 miles east of Mt. Pleasant. It covers approximately 25,777 acres of mostly bottomland hardwood forest at the confluence of the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek.

REPORTING/ORIENTATION

When: 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.** Standby hunters should report at 10:00 am to complete the application process.

Where: Check Station — on Hwy. 77 approximately 1 mile east of U.S. Hwy. 259.

Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid hunting license, permit and any stamp required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Firearms should be sighted in prior to arriving on the Area. All persons afield in the hunt area must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back **and orange headwear** at times when hunting with firearms is permitted on this WMA, **EXCEPT** persons hunting only migratory game birds are exempt from this requirement. No un-permitted guests allowed, other than a non-hunting adult directly assisting a disabled hunter.

Check Station Hours: Opens at 12:00 noon on the first day of the hunt and at 7:00 a.m. on the second and third days of the hunt. Closes each evening at 7:00 p.m.

Facilities: Refrigeration is NOT available; nearest commercial storage/processing is 20 miles.

Check In/Out: All hunters must check in/out with Area Personnel as explained in the orientation.

Latecomers Check In: Hunters unable to report in time for the 11 a.m. sign-in and orientation must still report to the check station upon arrival to the Area to receive the orientation information. Those arriving after closing of the check station in the evening may camp at the designated campsite but must report to the check station the following morning for registration and orientation prior to going to the field.

Hunting Conditions

Stands: Permanent stands are not available. Portable stands are welcome, however, no tree spikes allowed.

Methods: Centerfire and muzzleloading firearms and shotguns with slugs are legal weapons. Rimfire rifles and buckshot are prohibited. Archery equipment is also legal.

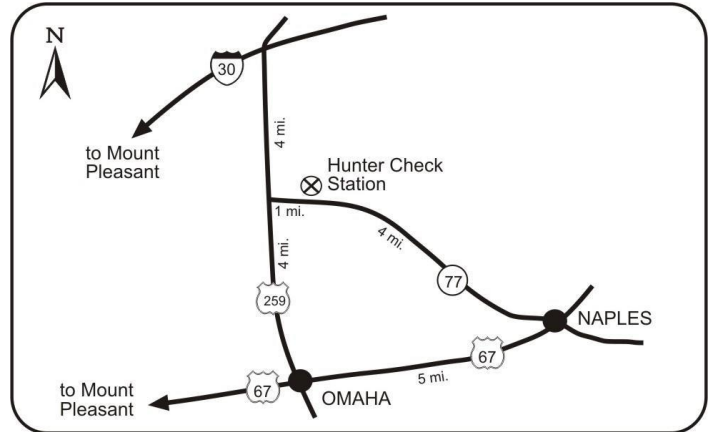
Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned hunting compartment will be the responsibility of the hunter. Four-wheel drive, high-clearance vehicles are recommended. Interior roads are minimal. Be prepared to hike in/out and pack in/out. ATV and ORV use allowed with appropriate D.P.S. safety certification.

Terrain: The Area exists almost entirely in the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek floodplains and is subject to prolonged flooding which may require cancellation of hunts by special permit.

Camping Facilities – Contact WMA for details.

Primitive camping is available on the Area near the Check Station. Campsites do not have water and electricity.

NOTE: During the Special Permit Hunt periods, the area is closed to general public access except for fishing from a boat on the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek.



Minor or Underage Hunters: Persons UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE must be accompanied and supervised by a permitted parent or authorized adult. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)

Other Information: If you have any further questions, you may telephone the White Oak Creek WMA Headquarters at 903-884-3800.

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